

**REMARKS**

Claims 2, 9 and 17 have been amended, claim 19 has been deleted, claims 20-23 have been amended, and new claims 24-28 have been added. Upon entry of this amendment, the pending claims will be claims 1-18 and 20-28.

Upon review of the claims of the present application before payment of the issue fee it was noted that the preamble of claim 19 should have referred to a method of fabricating a semiconductor device, rather than a method of forming a resist pattern.

In view of this error, claim 19 has been deleted, and the dependency of claims 20-23 has been revised to depend from claim 18 rather than claim 19.

New claims 24-28 correspond to former claims 19-23, except that new claims 19-23 are directed to a method of fabricating a semiconductor device, rather than a method of forming a resist pattern.

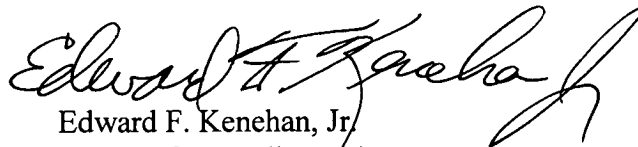
Claims 2, 9 and 17 have been amended to correct an obvious typographical error, whereby the Greek symbol for tau "τ" has been changed to the Greek symbol for gamma "γ".

Allowance is requested.

In the event that this paper is not timely filed, Applicant respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. The fees for such an extension or any other fees that may be due with respect to this paper may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-2866.

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